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**Lithium Valley Commission  
Legislative Update  
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**Weeks Behind**

August 16                      Legislature reconvenes from summer Recess.

**Weeks Ahead**

August 27	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills
September 3	Last day to amend bills on the floor
September 10	Last day for any bill to be passed
October 10	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

**Legislation**

**SB 423 (Stern) Energy: renewable and zero-carbon resources. Amended 7/13. A-APPR. Suspense.** This bill requires the CEC, in consultation with the CPUC, CAISO, and CARB, by 12/31/2022, to submit to the Legislature an assessment of emerging renewable energy and firm zero-carbon resources that support a clean, reliable, and resilient electrical grid. This bill aims to accelerate procurement of renewables to existing CPUC procurement requirements to ensure a reliable grid especially during extreme weather events. States in the findings and declarations that California is a global leader in solar energy and lithium-ion battery storage deployment, and these resources are increasingly and urgently needed to boost grid reliability.

**SB 551 (Stern). California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority. 7/8 version. A-APPR. Suspense.** This bill establishes the California Zero-Emission Vehicle Authority within the Governor's office to coordinate activities to advance the deployment electric vehicle charging and zero-emission fueling infrastructure and ensure equity, workforce, and economic development. One of many responsibilities for the Authority is to support and improve the battery supply chain including the use of lithium from the Salton Sea.

**Links to legislation cited above:**

- [SB 423 \(Stern\)](#)
- [SB 551 \(Stern\)](#)